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CAN DEVELOPMENT AND CLEAN WATER GO TOGETHER? YES – IF YOU PUT A “LID” ON IT

We all should be concerned about stormwater runoff. The increasing development of our county has led to natural surfaces being covered by roofs, yards, streets and parking lots. Excessive runoff from these impervious surfaces leads to erosion and carries pollution into streams and rivers.

Improving our management of stormwater runoff can protect drinking water, wildlife habitat, recreation and other quality of life factors. Low Impact Development is an approach to land development or re-development that works with the natural landscape to manage and minimize stormwater runoff. LID preserves and recreates natural landscape features and minimizes impervious surfaces that prevent water from soaking into the ground, to create functional and appealing site drainage that treats stormwater as a resource rather than a waste product.

Clark County now requires low-impact development features, including native vegetation, pervious driveways and roads, downspout diversion, bio-retention features, and more natural storm water facilities like rain gardens.

In addition to the environmental benefits, Clark County businesses and residents benefit financially from having several local businesses that offer LID products and installation/maintenance services.

Visit <http://www.stormwaterpartners.com/LID/> for ideas on how to protect our most important natural resource when developing or redeveloping your home or business property. On the website there is a map of LID features that are installed throughout our community, so that you can visit and see the results for yourself. A LID demonstration for pervious pavement options is also under construction at Heritage Farm this summer.

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